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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY CENTERS ON TOR

REF: KINGSTON 1471

1. SUMMARY: I CALLED APRIL 1 ON
FOREIGN MINISTER P J PATTERSON AND HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY,
FRANK FRANCIS, TO SAY MY OFFICIAL FAREWELL. WE DISCUSSED
THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE US-JAMAICAN TECHNICAL
TEAM (SEE REFTEL). I EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE TOR
SEEMED TO LACK SPECIFICITY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID
THAT IT IS JAMAICA'S HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE TWO U.S.
TEAMS, THE FIRST TO AID IN DEFINING JAMAICA'S PROBLEMS
AND NEEDS, AND A SECOND TO DEAL WITH MORE PARTICULAR
AREAS OF ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. MY CALLS ON PATTERSON AND FRANCIS TURNED INTO A JOINT
ONE SINCE I HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE TOR AS I
BEGAN MY CONVERSATION WITH FRANCIS , THE FIRST ON
THE SCHEDULE. I MADE TWO POINTS AT THE OUTSET: (A)
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THAT THE TOR SEEMS TO LACK ADEQUATE SPECIFICITY AS
TO THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE SOUGHT FROM THE UNITED
STATES, AND (B) THAT IT LEAVES UNCLEAR THE WAY IN
WHICH JAMAICA PLANS TO DEAL WITH THE IMF. RE THE
LATTER POINT, I STATED THAT MY READING OF THE
MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION PREPARED AFTER THE FOREIGN
MINISTER'S WASHINGTON VISIT REVEALS THAT WE HAVE

BEEN ASKED TO USE SUCH INFLUENCE AS WE HAD WITH THE FUND BUT, IN MY VIEW, THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT UNTIL WE KNEW MORE OF JAMAICA'S PLANS TO MEET THE IMF'S OWN REQUIREMENTS.

3. RE THE PROBLEM OF SPECIFICITY IN THE TOR, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE EMERGENCY PRODUCTION PLAN, WHICH IS DUE TO BE UNVEILED BY PRIME MINISTER MANLEY ON APRIL 21. SECTORAL DISCUSSIONS ARE NOW IN PROCESS, AND THE INEVITABLE CONSIDERATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE NEEDS IS IN TRAIN AS PART OF THE PROCESS. IT IS HIS (PATTERSON'S) HOPE THAT A FIRST U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM CAN COME VERY PROMPTLY SO THAT IT MIGHT ADVISE ON THIS PROCESS. HE HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE HERE FOR EASTER BUT NOW SUGGESTED THAT THE WEEK FOLLOWING EASTER WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO BEGIN WORK. THIS FIRST TEAM WOULD AID IN (A) IDENTIFYING MEANS BY WHICH JAMAICA'S PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED AND (B) REFINING THE TOR SO THAT THE SECOND TEAM WILL HAVE APPROPRIATELY SPECIFIC MATTERS WITH WHICH TO DEAL.

4. TURNING TO THE IMF, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT FINANCE MINISTER COORE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 26 FOR AN IBRD MEETING AND MIGHT HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IMF. (COORE HAS TOLD ME HE IS ALSO SEEING HOUSE SPEAKER, TIP O'NEILL) . PATTERSON THEN SAID THAT WHETHER OR NOT THE PRODUCTION PLAN WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE COORE HAS SOMETHING CONCRETE TO TALK ABOUT IS HARD TO SAY. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, ONE THING IS CLEAR: THE FINANCE MINISTER WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO "GIVE ANYTHING" IN HIS TALKS WITH THE IMF. HIS PURPOSE WILL BE TO RESTORE COMMUNICATION WITH THE IMF BUT HE WILL HAVE NOTHING SPECIFIC TO PROPOSE.

5. COMMENT: MY CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY WAS NECESSARILY BRIEF SINCE PATTERSON WAS BUSY PREPARING TO LEAVE THE NEXT DAY FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW DELHI MEETING OF NAC FOREIGN MINISTERS. HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THE CALL DID NOT PERMIT ME TO EXPLORE IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN WISHED JAMAICAN THINKING ON THE TOR, THE TALK TODAY DID BRING INTO FOCUS JAMAICAN HOPES FOR THE TECHNICAL TEAM(S).

6. AS I SEE IT, THE JAMAICANS HAVE AS YET NO CLEAR

IDEA OF WHAT THEY MUST DO, AND THE TOR IS CON-
CRETE EVIDENCE OF THIS. MOREOVER, WHILE THE EMER-
GENCY PRODUCTION PLAN IS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 21,
IT PROBABLY WILL NOT TAKE FINAL FORM UNTIL PRIME
MINISTER ACTUALLY SPEAKS, AND, SO FAR AS WE NOW KNOW,
IT WILL BE MORE A LIST OF OBJECTIVES THAN A PLAN.
AS PATTERSON INDICATED, THE JAMAICANS ARE ANXIOUS
TO BRING US IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE BE-
COME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN PROPOSING AREAS IN
WHICH WE CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE. IT IS MY CONSIDERED
VIEW THAT WE SHOULD DEFER ANY INVOLVEMENT OR IDENTI-
FICATION WITH THE PLANNING PROCESS UNTIL THE POLI-
TICAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, AND THIS CANNOT
OCCUR UNTIL APRIL 21. EVEN THEN, SOME WILL BE
DEFERRED. I SUGGEST WAITING UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE
BEFORE SENDING A "TECHNICAL TEAM" TO JAMAICA SO THAT
THERE CAN BE SOME INDICATION AS TO WHAT THE JAMAICANS
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HAVE IN MIND, BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

7. FINANCE MINISTER COORE'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE
IBRD AND HIS PROPOSED TALKS AT THE IMF MAY BE HELP-
FUL. HOWEVER, IF THE IMF IS STILL AN IMPORTANT
ELEMENT IN OUR THINKING, IT MAY BE THAT WE WILL
BEST ASSIST THE JAMAICANS IF WE URGE THEM TO UNDER-
STAND THAT JAW-BONING IS JUST SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH.

8. PATTERSON SAID THAT THE COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE
DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HANDLED BY FRANCIS, WHO IS REA-
SONABLY REALISTIC AND OPEN TO DIALOGUE.
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